(b) INSAT-IIB Satellite has been operationalized since August, 93. The utilisation details of 6 extended C-band transponders in nsat IIB are:

One transponder is being used for regional TV service with effect from 2.10.1993 and remaining have been allocated for Business Communication subscribers, Department of Doordarshan, In-orbit spare and Network Operation Control Centre.

(c) 6 extended C-band transponders have been fabricated by Indian Space Research Organisation as part of Insat IIB system which costs Rs. 78 Crores. The exclusive cost of 6 extended C-band transponders is not available.

(d) Five transponders allocated for different usages are being progressively loaded by respective users so as to utilize them within one year.

(e) No, Sir

(f) Does not arise.

(g) The Department of Telecommunications has issued letter of Intent to seven applicants for 64 Kbps Data/Voice Network using INSAT Satellite system on non-exclusive basis. Indian companies shall establish, maintain and operate the service in extended C-band in frequencies assigned from time to time using VSAT throughout India;

*198. (Transfered to the 17th March, 1994).

Income Tax Raids

*199. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of raids carried out by Income tax authorities during the first six months of the current financial year, State-wise; and

(b) the details of seizures made amount recovered and prosecutions launched ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b). Relevant details are given in the enclosed statement. (See below):

Out of the searches conducted during the year, prosecution has been launched in one case.

Statement

Information regarding searches conducted during the period April to September, 1993

State	No of searches conducted	Seizures (Rs. in lakhs)			
		Cash	Jewellery	Others	Total
Assam (NER)	26	7.13	3.74	11.83	22.70
Andhra Pradesh	145	150.13	256.26	496.48	902.87
Bihar	59	74.82	62.58	118.42	255.82
Chandigarh	59	11.75	20.48	116.55	148.78
Delhi	377	425.09	278.41	619.48	1322.98
Gujarat	273	395.40	601.71	1013.35	2010.46
Goa	1	0.99	.		0.99
Haryana	42	15.41	30.98	56.64	103.03
Himachal Pradesh	8	2.97	1.37	19.40	23.74
Karnataka	124	86.39	233.61	*505.24	825.24

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Maharashtra	357	296.17	551.41	3682.30	4529.29
Madhya Pradesh	70	120.48	131.89	400.57	652.94
Orissa	2	0.60	1.40	35.45	37.45
Punjab	131	53.89	28.70	493.81	576.40
Rajasthan	57	45.95	304.10	768.09	1118.14
Tamil Nadu	172	187.63	723.46	289.83	1200.92
Pondicherry (UT)	18	34.30	202.67	16.19	253.16
Uttar Pradesh	73	43.61	94.50	398.86	536.97
West Bengal	189	178.74	660.54	347.64	1186.92
TOTAL :	2183	2131.45	4187.81	9390.13	15709.48

Post offices in Gram Panchayats of Madhya Pradesh

*200. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 28 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd February, 1994 and state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a post office in every Gram Panchayat in Madhya Pradesh during 1993-94; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to achieve the target fixed, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) During 1993-94, Madhya Pradesh was allocated a target of opening only 35 EDBOs and 5 DSOs on the basis of the resources allocated and targets available for opening post offices under the annual plan.

Post Offices are opened in Gram Panchayat villages provided they fulfil the departmental norms regarding distance, population and income, subject to availability of resources an dallocation of targets. In keeping with the above approach, Gram Panchayats in Madhya Pradesh, which fulfil the above departmental norms, will also be progressively provided with post offices under the successive annual plans.

Villages without Letter Box Facilities in Saurashtra and Kutch

1981. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARI BHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several villages in Surashtra and Kutch are without letter box facility;

(b) if so, the number of such villages, district-wise:

(c) whether Government propose to provide letter box facility in those villages;

(d) if so, the time by which such facility is likely to be provided; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Only 88 villages in Junagadh district are without letter boxes in Saurashtra and Kutch Region.

(c) to (e) Government's objective is to provide letter boxes in all villages in the country with a population over 500. This objective has already been achieved in Gujarat.